

OUR MISSION



Tayba Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving individuals and families impacted by incarceration. We believe in the power of human change through holistic education, guidance, and support. Our work is organized into three interrelated program areas:

Education, Life Skills, and Reentry

Of the 2.3 million prisoners in the US, over 200,000 identify as Muslim.

Ninety percent these Muslims are converts to the faith, and most of them became Muslim in prison, seeking to turn a new page in their lives. Yet for many of them, even getting access to a copy of the Qur'an is a challenge - let alone any further religious education or rehabilitation programs. Without such programs, some Muslims embrace sectarian or extremist views; others leave the religion altogether. Still others return to crime after release, having found no support from their local Muslim community.

Since 2004, Tayba Foundation has touched the lives of more than 9,000 incarcerated Muslims across the U.S by providing critically needed Islamic education, essential Life Skills training, and Reentry support. Many Tayba students have become leaders and change-makers within their communities, both inside and outside of prison. With every passing year, we strive to reach more men and women behind bars and to improve the quality of our work to create real change in the lives of those we serve.

Students Served by Tayba 2012

Academy Students served = 80

Life Skills

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Reentry Programs

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(a 57 % increase over the prior year)



Expenses and Disbursements



Awareness of Tayba's services started spreading to other California prisons via word of mouth and referrals by chaplains, which helped increase the number of students from 10 to 80. Prior focus on development and fundraising had allowed Tayba Foundation to absorb this growth comfortably.

- Continued to develop educational materials and resources to share with incarcerated Muslims by correspondence. Such courses include: FIQH 101, ADAB 101, and ADAB 102.
- Engaged in networking activities with local businesses and organizations to promote sponsorships for operational expenses and to secure employment opportunities for parolees.
- Maintained a transitional house in Hayward, California for parolees who had previously participated in Tayba
 Foundation programs.
- Assisted a number of parolees who participated in Tayba Foundation programs with their reentry needs. Services included career development, resume writing, networking, housing, travel, and more to ensure successful reentry.

- A former incarcerated and Tayba student received a scholarship to a state university where he earned grades high enough to make the dean's list.
- Produced a documentary film about a Tayba student who successfully returned to free society thanks to Tayba Foundation's programs.
- Hosted innovative programming that allowed Tayba students to mentor at-risk youth and adults.
- Hired Tayba's first office manager, Khalil Cochrel, who had studied with the Foundation while incarcerated.
- Provided certificates to students who successfully completed any of the following courses: Purification of the Heart, The Abridgement of al-Akhdari, and Jawhara al Tawheed. Certification offers legitimacy to those in teaching positions within their institutions.

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Thank you for remembering the forgotten believers and dreaming of new achievements in the year ahead.

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